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## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-15 are pending, of which claims 8-10 are withdrawn. Applicants elect Species B (Figs. 3 and 4) and claims 1-7 and 11-15 reading thereupon.

## **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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